

WILLIAM H. NEVITT.

JANUARY 20, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PICKLER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8990.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8990) increasing the pension of William H. Nevitt, having carefully considered the facts in the case, respectfully report:

Claimant enlisted May 2, 1864, as first lieutenant in Company F, One hundred and fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was honorably discharged August 22, 1864. In 1889 he met with an accident by which he lost one eye, and both arms at the shoulder. He has disease of the other eye, and is now practically blind. In addition to these disabilities, he is afflicted with disease of lungs and piles. A pension of \$12 per month was granted him in 1891, which he draws at the present time.

The soldier is in absolute poverty except for the small sum above mentioned, and requires a constant attendant. This is one of those extreme cases in which we feel warranted in taking favorable action, and your committee therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

In line 4 strike out the words "directed and authorized" and insert the words "authorized and directed."

In line 5, after the initial "H.," insert "H.," so as to read: "William H. H. Nevitt."

In line 6 strike out all after the word "Volunteers" and add the words "and pay him a pension of thirty dollars per month in lieu of the pension he is now receiving."

Amend the title of the bill so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to William H. H. Nevitt."